

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, The motorcycle has been an important part of recreation, transportation, and tourism in South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, The motorcycle has contributed to governmental activities nationally, as well as locally, both in wartime and peacetime; and,

*Whereas*, Motorcycle ownership has increased from 500,000 to over five million in the United States today; and,

*Whereas*, As a matter of safety, it is necessary to develop skills and awareness of proper habits to handle these vehicles on our highways; and,

*Whereas*, It is important the citizens of our state be aware of motorcycles on the highways and recognize the importance of sharing the roadway; and,

*Whereas*, Motorists should have a special awareness of the vulnerability of motorcyclists; and,

*Whereas*, Education and safe riding habits are worthy of special recognition, and South Dakota is one of the four safest states for riding motorcycles in the United States; and,

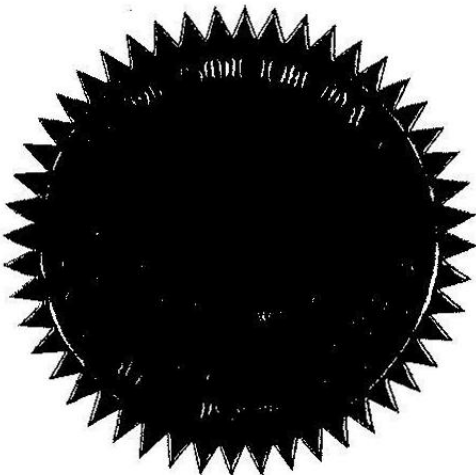
*Whereas*, Motorcycle Safety and Awareness weeks and months have been proclaimed in states throughout the nation; and,

*Whereas*, In the month of May, there is an annual renewal of motorcycling enthusiasm:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2003, as

## ***MOTORCYCLE SAFETY & AWARENESS MONTH***

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

*M. Michael Rounds*  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

*Chris Nelson*  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State